BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268–0001

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MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESPONSES OF WITNESS PAFFORD TO INTERROGATORIES OF THE NATIONAL NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION (NNA/USPS-T1---15-17)

The United States Postal Service is today providing the responses of witness Pafford to the following interrogatories of the National Newspaper Association: NNA/ USPS-T1--15-17, filed on September 24, 1997, and respectfully moves for their acceptance one day out of time.

Because of the undersigned counsel's absence from the office for the past two days, the discovery responses could not be reviewed and filed until today. The undersigned counsel regrets the lateness in filing, and is faxing a copy of the responses to counsel for the National Newspaper Association in order to mitigate any prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

Anne B. Revnelds

475 L'Enfant Plaza West, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20260–1137 October 9, 1997